

For the past ten years, the magazine has published a special edition bilingual magazine dedicated to the fight against cancer, titled "El Aviso Relay for Life." In addition, through hard work, perseverance, and dedication to the communities it serves, the magazine has raised more than \$120,000 for the American Cancer Society's Southeast Cities Relay for Life over the past ten years.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to please join me in sending best wishes and congratulations to Jose Zepeda, Jessica Maes Zepeda, and their El Aviso Magazine team on the celebration of their 30th anniversary. They have played a vital role in informing Latino communities across Southern California over the past 30 years.

INTRODUCTION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FARMLAND FOR THE FUTURE ACT

HON. EARL BLUMENAUER

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mr. BLUMENAUER. Mr. Speaker, the Farm Bill is one of the most important bills that most Americans have never heard of. It impacts our economy, environment, and what we eat. It is important that Congress gets the upcoming reauthorization right.

Today, I am introducing the Sustainable Farmland for the Future Act. This bill builds upon the progress we made in the 2014 Farm Bill to promote the long-term sustainability of farmland and better protect the environment.

In 1985, Congress enacted conservation compliance in the Farm Bill, codifying the compact between taxpayers, farmers, and landowners to provide stability through subsidies in return for responsible stewardship of farmland and the surrounding environment. The 1985 Farm Bill simply required most farm subsidy recipients to implement basic conservation practices on vulnerable farmland and wetlands. The 2014 Farm Bill improved this measure by expanding the conservation compact to recipients of crop insurance premium subsidies. While the USDA has found that the current conservation compact has successfully reduced runoff and soil erosion, Congress must do more.

The Sustainable Farmland for the Future Act would strengthen the conservation compact by requiring farmers who receive taxpayer assistance to abide by basic, common-sense conservation standards on all of their land, not just "highly erodible land" and converted wetland. By complying with these expanded standards and acting as good stewards, farmers will be honoring the commitment made to the taxpayers who provide for their farm subsidies.

I believe that the Sustainable Farmland for the Future Act is one of the 115th Congress's most important pieces of environmental legislation and should be considered for inclusion in the 2018 Farm Bill.

IN RECOGNITION OF BARBARA NIESS-MAY FOR 15 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE AT SAFEHOUSE CENTER

HON. DEBBIE DINGELL

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mrs. DINGELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Barbara Niess-May for her 15 years of service at SafeHouse Center in Washtenaw County. As Executive Director of SafeHouse Center, Mrs. Niess-May's leadership and expertise have impacted countless lives and greatly enhanced the Center's programming capabilities.

SafeHouse Center first opened its doors in 1978 with the hope of providing leadership and support for survivors of sexual assault and domestic violence in Washtenaw County. The organization's founding mission has endured throughout the years, and SafeHouse has been able to expand its services through popular public support and a 1992 millage that funded a new facility with increased boarding capacity. Today, due to the Center's new location, over 5,500 women and children are served out of the shelter every year.

Since joining SafeHouse as Executive Director in 2002, Mrs. Niess-May has overseen the agency's daily operations and is critical to the continued growth and success of the organization. She has advocated for survivors and implemented programs to help both women and children get back on their feet by finding safe and affordable housing, employment, and childcare. Successful SafeHouse programs include a children's playroom, Teen Voice Peer Education at local schools, and four different onsite support groups. Additionally, Mrs. Niess-May works as an adjunct faculty member at Eastern Michigan University's School of Social Work and Graduate School of Criminology, bringing her real world experience to the classroom and educating the next generation of social workers. She has saved many lives, been a shelter for those desperate for a hand, and is a leader in changing the dialogue on domestic abuse. It is my hope that Mrs. Niess-May continues to advocate on behalf of domestic violence survivors and build on her lifetime of distinguished work supporting women and children.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Barbara Niess-May for 15 years of outstanding service at SafeHouse Center. Her tenure at SafeHouse has greatly contributed to the organization's ability to provide important services and support to women in need.

RECOGNIZING HAZEL THOMPSON

HON. TOM REED

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Mr. REED. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize a constituent, Hazel Thompson, who is celebrating her 100th birthday this month.

Ms. Thompson has spent her life serving our country and local community. Born and raised in Vermont, she has dedicated her life to helping and advocating for others. She started her career as a nurse and devoted

thousands of hours volunteering with the Red Cross where she received several awards for her selfless service. In 1972, after our area was devastated by flooding from Hurricane Agnes, Ms. Thompson once again answered the call and devoted her time to helping her community and neighbors in Elmira, New York.

Ms. Thompson has been a member of the Ladies Auxiliary at the American Legion Post 443 in Elmira, New York for seventy years. She is a true patriot and has volunteered at other veterans' organizations. Ms. Thompson has been a member of the AARP for decades and has served as a Board Member for Chapter 246 and as editor for its Spotlight newsletter for years. She has also volunteered with the Girl Scouts, Food Bank and at Westminster Presbyterian Church of which she is a member.

Ms. Thompson has been a recipient of several honors and awards in recognition of her generous spirit and endless dedication to helping others. As the team captain for the AARP's annual Alzheimer's Walk team, she was awarded the Grand Champion medal in honor of her fundraising. She was awarded the Chemung County Senior Citizen of the Year in 1988, and in 2010, Ms. Thompson was awarded the prestigious Jefferson Award in recognition for her lifelong commitment to community service. She is truly an inspiration to us all.

I ask my colleagues to join me in celebrating Hazel Thompson's 100th birthday and recognizing her life-long commitment to service.

HONORING BETTY OLDS

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 21, 2017

Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the remarkable life of Betty Olds. She passionately served on the Berkeley City Council for 16 years and advocated for the environment, women, and animal rights until her passing at the age of 96 on July 16, 2017.

Ms. Olds was born Betty Marion Milne in St. Joseph, Missouri on October 19, 1920, and grew up in Holt County. She attended Iowa State University, where she graduated in 1942 with a degree in Home Economics and met her future husband, Walter Olds. Together they had three children.

In 1950, Ms. Olds and her family moved to the Bay Area. While her husband was away in Okinawa for several years, Ms. Olds planted her roots in the city of Berkeley to raise her family, and became a substitute teacher at Garfield Middle School. She eventually became the Dean of Students at Willard Middle School, and was instrumental in evacuating the school and ensuring student safety when UC Berkeley protestors were tear-gassed in the Bloody Thursday riot of 1969.

After committing her time to several city commissions, Ms. Olds was elected to the Berkeley City Council in 1992 where she made an immediate impact in the creation of a new fire station in the Berkeley Hills, following the devastating Oakland Hills fire of 1991.

Ms. Olds was also a founding member of Save the Bay, a group that fights to protect